

Blueprint Keyboard Shortcuts

Polar Co-ordinates	Distance <angle< th=""><th>Distance is specified and angle is based from 0,0</th></angle<>	Distance is specified and angle is based from 0,0
Absolute Co-ordinates Entry Style	X,Y Sequence	Exact Co-ordinate point Description
	Jequence	Description
Relative Co-ordinates	@X,Y	A point relative to the last point selected or used
Last Point	@	Last point selected or used
Relative Polar Co-ordinates	@Distance <angle< th=""><th>Point based on a distance and angle from the last point selected or used</th></angle<>	Point based on a distance and angle from the last point selected or used
Direct distance	Move Pointer along the direction, enter distance	Allow user to enter distance from last point but pointing the direction with the pointer

Precede coordinate with the @ symbol to define the position of a point in relation to the previous point. For example: @5,3

To enter a polar coordinate, enter a distance and an angle, separated by an angle bracket (<). For example, to specify a point at a distance of 1 unit from the previous point and at an angle of 45 degrees, enter @1<45.

Angles increase in the counterclockwise and decrease in the clockwise direction.

When drawing or editing objects, instead of specifying coordinate by cursor, you can enter the coordinate in the command prompt window.

Co-ordinate entry

COMMAND	ALIAS	DESCRIPTION	
POINT	PO	Draw Point	
LINE	L	Draw Lines	
RAY		Draw Ray	
XLINE	XL	Draw Construction Line	
POLYGON	POL	Draw Polygon	
RECTANG	REC	Draw Rectangle	
CIRCLE	С	Draw Circle	
ARC	A	Draw Arc	
PLINE	PL	Draw Polyline	
ELLIPSE	EL	Draw Ellipse	
TEXT	Т	Draw Text	
BLOCK	В	Create a block	
INSERT	I	Insert a block	
REGEN	RE	Regenerate drawing	
ERASE	Е	Erase Object(s)	
COPY	СО	Copy Object(s)	
MOVE	M	Move Object(s)	
ROTATE	RO	Rotate Object(s)	
SCALE	SC	Scale Object(s)	
MIRROR	MI	Mirror Object(s)	
EXPLODE	X	Explode Object(s)	
JOIN	J	Join Object(s)	
ZOOME	ZE	Zoom to the Drawing's Extents	
ZOOMW	ZW	Zoom Window	
ZOOMP	ZP	Pan the Drawing	
ZOOMR	ZR	Zoom in Realtime	
ZOOMSEL	ZS	Zoom to Selected Objects	
PAN	Р	Pan the Drawing	
PANRT	PAR	Pan in Realtime	
UNDO	U	Undo the last change(s)	
REDO		Reverse Last Undo Command	
DIST	DI	Measure Distances	
AREA	AA	Measure Areas	
PRINT		Print Drawing	
LAYER	LA	Manage Layers	

COMMAND	ALIAS	DESCRIPTION	
UNION	UN	Union Selected Object(s)	
INTERSECTION	IN	Intersect Selected Object(s)	
XOR	XO	XOR Selected Object(s)	
SUBTRACT(A-B)	S1	Subtract Selected Object(s) (A-B)	
SUBTRACT(B-A)	S2	Subtract Selected Object(s) (B-A)	
MAKERING	MR	Convert Selected Object(s) into a Ring	
GNDPLANE	GND	Extract Ground Plane	
DIVIDE	DIV	Divide Selected Object(s)	
OFFSET	OFF	Grow/Shrink Selected Object(s)	
NOR	NOR	Invert Selected Object(s)	
FLIPV	FV	Flip Vertical	
FLIPH	FH	Flip Horizontal	
ROTLEFT	ROL	Rotate Object to Left by 90°	
ROTRIGHT	ROR	Rotate Object to Right by 90°	
ALIGN	ALI	Align Objects	
DISTRIBUTE	DIST	Distribute Objects	
MSKIN	MIN	Import MSK File	
MSKOUT	MOUT	Export MSK File	
GDSIN	GIN	Import GDS File	
GDSOUT	GOUT	Export GDS File	

Blueprint Aliases can be used in the command line window. To enter a command by using the keyboard, type the full command name on the command line and press ENTER or SPACEBAR.

Some commands also have abbreviated forms. For example, instead of entering CIRCLE to start the "Circle" command, you can enter C. Abbreviated command names are called "command aliases". During the command's execution you can enter parameters either in the command line or by cursor in Blueprint's window.

Aliases

FUNCTION KEY

F10

COMMAND

F1 Zoom Window

F2 Pan Realtime

F3 Toggle Object Snap

F4 Zoom to Fit

F5 Zoom to Selection

Toggle Current Layer Only

F7 Toggle Grid

F8 Toggle Polar Tracking

Toggle Snap to Grid

Toggle Layer Fill

F-keys

FUNCTION KEY	COMMAND	FUNCTION	COMMAND
CONTROL	Select Current Layer	[CONTROL] P	Print File
(CONTROL) B	Blocks Editor	CONTROL	Quit Blueprint
(CONTROL)	Cut	CONTROL	Rotate Object(s)
CONTROL	Add Bookmark	CONTROL	Save File
CONTROL	Explode	CONTROL	Trim Object(s)
CONTROL F	Zoom to Fit	CONTROL	Mirror Object(s)
CONTROL G	Grid Editor	CONTROL	Paste
CONTROL H	Current Layer Only	CONTROL	Close File
CONTROL	Object Properties	CONTROL	Cut
CONTROL	Join	CONTROL	Redo
CONTROL K	Scale	CONTROL	Undo
CONTROL			
	Layers Editor		
CONTROL	Move Objects		
CONTROL	New File		
CONTROL	Open File		CTRL keys

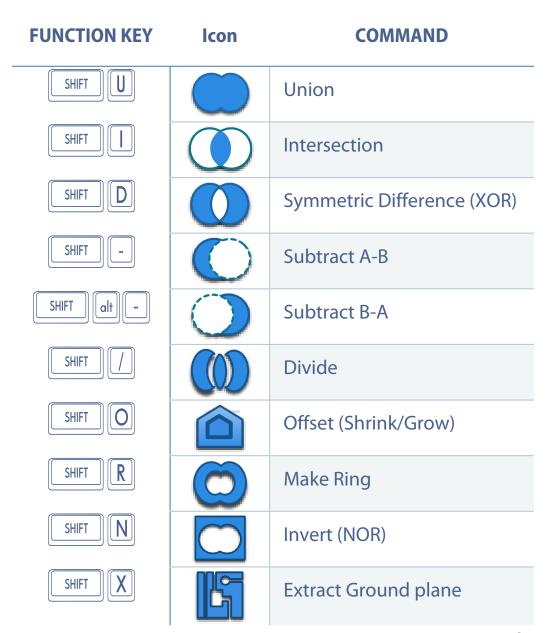
FUNCTION	lcon	COMMAND
alt 1	-	Snap to End Point
alt 2	1	Snap to Mid Point
alt 3	•	Snap to Center
alt 4		Snap to Node
alt 5	×	Snap to Intersection
alt 6	L	Snap to Perpendicular
alt 7	O	Snap to Tangent
alt 8	X	Snap to Nearest
alt 9	\Diamond	Snap to Grip
F3	U	Toggle Object Snap
F8		Toggle Polar Tracking
F9		Toggle Snap to Grid

Object snaps allow you to simplify your drawing operations by snapping the cursor to a variety of smart points. Object snaps can be permanently enabled/disabled using the Drafting Aids dialog; alternately object snaps can be enabled for onetime use via the Snaps toolbar or by using the appropriate shortcut keys.

In addition to object snaps, you can use grid snaps which allow you to snap to a predefined grid. Polar tracking can be used to quickly drawing along a set of predefined angles.

Object Snaps





Use Pathfinder operations to perform quick geometric computations. In addition to Boolean Operations, Pathfinder can perform a variety of tricks from growing and shrinking objects to creating a inversion of selected objects (useful for converting from clear field to dark field), and automatically extracting a ground plane from selected objects. Learning to use pathfinder operations will allow you to be far more productive than using typical drawing and editing operations. For instance, the divide tool allows you to trim and break objects far more conveniently than conventional AutoCAD/Virtuoso type editing.

Pathfinder operations



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